

Governor Nominates Delaware DMV Director to Cabinet Post

Jennifer Cohan began her career with DelDOT in 1989, served as Director of DMV since 2007

Wilmington, DE – Governor Jack Markell announced today he is nominating Jennifer Cohan to become the next Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT). If confirmed by the Delaware State Senate, Cohan will succeed Shailen Bhatt, who will accept a nomination by Governor John Hickenlooper to serve as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation at the end of this month.

“Jennifer’s proven leadership skills have played an integral role in the transformation of the Delaware Department of Transportation over the past eight years, particularly as it relates to improved services and supports within the Division of Motor Vehicles,” said Governor Markell. “She has worked her way up through the ranks of state government, starting as a casual/seasonal front-line worker to Director of DMV, gaining extensive knowledge and experience that will make her an ideal candidate to serve as the state’s transportation Secretary.”

Cohan, whose state public service career spans over 25 years, was appointed Director of the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in 2007. She has held an array of leadership positions within the Delaware Department of Transportation in the areas of Planning, Finance and Motor Carrier Safety. Previously, she worked in the capacity of Financial/Program Manager at the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) managing the states Clean Water Program. Cohan also worked with the Delaware State Legislature within the Office of the Controller General.

“I am deeply honored to be nominated by Governor Markell to lead DelDOT,” said Cohan. “If confirmed by the Senate, I look forward to building on the incredible progress we’ve made to

improve the state's transportation network while strengthening the public's trust.

"This administration has made significant investments in transportation and the dedicated employees of DelDOT play a critical role in ensuring those investments equate to positive changes for the people of Delaware. I'm proud of our team and would be honored to support their ongoing efforts if given the opportunity to serve."

In addition to her leadership role at DMV, Cohan is an adjunct professor at Wilmington University teaching leadership and public policy in the Master's program. She is also a member of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) International Board of Directors and serves as president of the Greater Dover Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors.

Cohan, 42, graduated summa cum laude from Wilmington University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Science in Public Administration. She currently resides in Dover with her husband and daughter.

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